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SUBJECT: HIGHER COUNCIL FOR NUCLEAR POWER FORMED

1. ON AUGUST 8 CAIRO PRESS REPORTED THAT REPUBLICAN DECREE HAS BEEN ISSUED ESTABLISHING HIGHER COUNCIL FOR THE UTILIZATION OF NUCLEAR POWER. COUNCIL COMPOSED OF PRES SADAT, CHAIRMAN; VP MUBARAK; PM SALEM; DEP PM/FONMIN FAHMY; DEP PM/WAR MIN GAMASY; ELECTRIC POWER MINISTER SULTAN; SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND ATOMIC ENERGY MINISTER GUBEILI; PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN CONTACTS ASHRAF MARWAN AND (UNNAMED) CHIEF OF GENERAL INTELLIGENCE. (COMMENT: NEW GI CHIEF IS KAMAL AL-DIN HASAN ALI, ALTHOUGH APPOINTMENT NOT PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED.)

2. AL AHAM REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT HAS ALREADY COMMISSIONED AGENCIES WORKING IN FIELD OF NUCLEAR ENERGY TO PREPARE SPECIAL STUDIES CONCERNING USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN EGYPT. STUDIES WILL BE PREPARED BY END OF AUGUST. PRESIDENT WILL HOLD MEETING WITH HIGHER COUNCIL IN BEGINNING OF SEPT TO WORK OUT QUOTE ACTION PLAN UNQUOTE WHICH, PAPERS REPORT, PRESIDENT WILL FOLLOW UP IN PERSON.

3. COMMENT: OBVIOUS REASON FOR FORMATION OF HIGHER COUNCIL AT THIS TIME IS RECENT PUBLICITY GIVEN TO POSSIBLE  
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EXISTENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN ISRAEL. EGYPTIAN HAVE FROM

TIME TO TIME REMINDED INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THAT ISRAEL HAS NEITHER SIGNED NOR RATIFIED NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND THAT EGYPT, WHILE IT HAS SIGNED THE TREATY, WOULD NOT RATIFY IT UNLESS ISRAEL DOES SO. PRES SADAT HAS ALSO REITERATED (AUG 6 PRESS CONFERENCE) THAT EGYPT WILL NOT BE THE FIRST TO INTRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO THE ME. COUNCIL'S HEAVY POLITICAL EMPHASIS (ONLY MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND ATOMIC ENERGY GUBEILI HAS ANY TECHNICAL BACKGROUND IN NUCLEAR ENERGY) IS CLEARLY DESIGNED TO SHOW THAT EGYPT WILL NOT STAND STILL, HOWEVER, IN FACE OF ISRAELI NUCLEAR POTENTIAL. QUESTION OF WHAT EGYPTIAN NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES ARE IS MATTER OF EXTREME SPECULATION. AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, EGYPTIANS DO NOT POSSES EVEN RESEARCH FACILITY. FOR TIME BEING HOWEVER, FORMATION OF COUNCIL AND ITS APPARENT ANSWER TO ISRAELI THREAT IS SUFFICIENT FORWARD MOMENTUM FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION.  
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